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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1853.

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D.D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

The Secretary announced the following donation :

A Pamphlet on "The Maynooth Grant," by Philip D. Hardy ; presented by the author.

The Rev. Alexander Leeper ; William Dargan, Esq. ; David Brereton, M.D. ; Alfred H. M'Clintock, M.D. ; were elected Members of the Academy.

The following Address was read and approved of by the Academy :—

*" To His Excellency Edward Granville, Earl St. Germans,
Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ire-
land.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

" We, the President and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, beg to offer you our respectful congratulations on your arrival in this country, as the Representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign.

" By this high office, your Excellency is constituted the Visitor of the Academy under our Charter ; and we venture to hope, that the knowledge of our history and character, which your former connexion with Ireland has given you, will justify us in the expectation that we shall obtain your patronage and aid in carrying out the great object for which we were founded—the promotion of Science, Polite Literature, and Antiquities in Ireland.

" We are emboldened, therefore, to look to your Excellency for encouragement, not only as an accomplished gentle-

man, but as an enlightened statesman, who needs not to be informed, that the cultivation of the studies in which the Academy is engaged must exercise a great and rapidly increasing influence on the progress of civilization and social life.

“ Abstract and practical sciences are the foundation of the marvellous wealth and power that crown the British Empire : the lighter treasures of literature are not the less necessary to prevent the human mind from becoming enslaved by the preponderance of material interests : and the study of the remaining records and monuments of antiquity is of no less practical importance, because the past, which they make known to us, has left traces in the national character which cannot be fully understood whilst they are unknown.

“ To the interest which was taken in the progress of the Academy by your noble predecessor, the Earl of Clarendon, we owe the very convenient premises we now occupy, as well as the means of adding to them suitable rooms for our Museum and Library. As these buildings are as yet unfinished, our Museum of Irish Antiquities is not at present displayed to advantage ; but we hope before long to have it so arranged, as to render it worthy of your Excellency’s inspection.

“ We beg leave to express our heartfelt wish, that your Excellency’s Government may prove a source of improvement to Ireland, and happiness to its people.”

On the recommendation of the Council, it was Resolved :—

I. That £50 be placed at the disposal of the Committee of Antiquities for the purchase of articles for the Museum.

II. That the Museum of the Academy be exhibited in the Great Dublin Exhibition of 1853, on the conditions agreed to between the Council and the Committee of the Great Exhibition ; and that the Council be empowered to take such further steps, from time to time, for the security of the Collection, as they may deem necessary.